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Atty. Ref. N . 3382-50875**REMARKS**

Claims 6-7, 11-16, 21-22, 24-28, and 30-34 are pending.

Applicants have amended claim 21 to correct a typographical error.

In a telephone call on December 20, 2000, the Examiner imposed a 3-way restriction requirement, separating the claims as follows:

Group 1 -- claims 6-8, 11-16, 21-22, 24-28, and 30;

Group 2 -- claims 10 and 29; and

Group 3 -- claims 19-20.

To expedite prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 19 and 20, directed to superimposing a translucent user interface over television programming. Applicants respectfully add claims 31-32 depending from claim 6, directed to the case where the icon and the graphical control panel are translucent.

To expedite prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 29 and 10, directed to displaying an icon N times based upon data conveyed M different times in a television signal, where N is less than M. Applicants respectfully add claims 33-34 depending from claim 6, directed to the case where link data is conveyed with the television signal M times, but the displaying the icon occurs only N times, and N is less than M.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 6 is an allowable generic linking claim. [See M.P.E.P. 809.]

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CONCLUSION

Claims 6-7, 11-16, 21-22, 24-28, and 30-34 should be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

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